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A new dormitory is scheduled to sprout from Tang Hall parking lot in the fall of 1981. It is not entirely clear where west campus residents will park once it appears.

The class of '81 class ring continues to generate considerable controversy as people holding several views sent them in to The Tech

MIT's Hockey team opened their 1978-79 season with a defeat of Tufts, but the team slipped in their second game as they lost to Gordon.

Partial clearing this morning with west winds and cool temperatures under mostly sunny skies, highs 40-45. Lows tonight in the low 30's. Partly cloudy Wednesday with pleasant temperatures in the middle 40's. Becoming mostly cloudy Wednesday night with a chance of a few snow flurries. Lows in the upper 20's to near 30.

Looking ahead: Thursday 30's and clear. Probability of rain 30% today, 20% tomorrow. Chance of snow 60% Wednesday night with little or no accumulation.

There are political groups of every shade and style imaginable on this country, but an unusual ona attracted my attention last week. This one isn't Marxist or Maoist, socialist or capitalist, left or right or up or down. It is the Animal Liberation Front and it has struck at university laboratories and biological institutes in various parts of the Midwest.

Their aim is stated in their name: the release from captivity of animals, mainly the type used for biological experiments, which the A.L.F. considers inhumane and an offense to the rights of living beings. At least, its a refreshing brand of radicalism, it seems, especially today when the more radical a political group strives to be the more commonplace and unimaginative it becomes.

The Mass Daily Collegian

# Viesner announces retirement

By Michael Taviss

On June 30, 1980 President Jerome B. Wiesner will retire from his position as president of the Institute. The MIT Corporation has formed a Committee on the Presidency to begin the process of selecting a successor.

Announcement of the retirement, and the organization of the Committee was made by Howard W. Johnson, Chairman of the Corporation, on Friday December 1.

Wiesner, who will be 65 years old at the time of his retirement, received his B.S. (1937), M.S. (1938), and Ph.D (1950) degrees in electrical engineering from the University of Michigan. He served in various positions at the University of Michigan, the Library of Congress, the University of California, and MIT until 1961, when he became science advisor to President Kennedy.

Wiesner returned to MIT in 1964 as Dean of the School of Science and was appointed Provost in 1966 when present Corporation chairman Johnson became President of the Institute. When Johnson became chairman in 1971, Wiesner was appointed MIT's thirteenth President.

Following his retirement as President, Wiesner expects to remain active in the life of the Institute. This is a custom that has



(Photo by Jon Barschow)

been practiced by other former Presidents, notably Dr. James Killian, Dr. Julius A. Stratton, and Johnson.

Killian was President from 1949-1959 and is now Honorary Chairman and a Life Member of the Corporation. Stratton was President from 1959-1966 and now serves as President Emeritus and as a Life Member Emeritus of the Corporation. Johnson was President from 1966 to the start of Wiesner's term in 1971, and is now Chairman of the Corporation. Both of the first two expresident's will serve as consulting members to the Committee on the Presidency.

Johnson said that "it is the Corporation's intent to follow a careful and deliberate course in selecting a new President and to seek the suggestions of all segments of the MIT community faculty, staff, undergraduate and graduate students, and alumni, The MIT Faculty, under the chairmanship of Professor Robert I. Hulsizer, has been asked to form a committee of its members which will serve in an advisory capacity to the Corporation Committee.'

The Committee on the Presidency will be chaired by Carl M. Mueller '41, a Life Member of the Corporation.

# ties' Mazlish steps d

**By Gordon Hunter** 

After five years as the Head of the Department of Humanities, Professor of History Bruce Mazlish has announced that he will step down.

The announcement comes as discussions about reorganizing the department are starting. Mazlish says that he will leave in July or January 1980, and "will wait for what fits in."

Mazlish noted that there are no immediate plans to find his replacement, nor are there any concrete plans for restructuring the department if it will be restructured. "Everything is fluid at this point," he explained.

Mazlish said that he will set up time-tables and oversee the discussions on the future of the department in his remaining time as head of the department. He state his own preference in the reorganization is the developement toward autonomy for the "bits and pieces" that make up the department. He pointed to the fact that each of these sections is a separate department at most other universities.

Saying he would serve for three

of the department with reluctance in 1974, pointing out the fact that he was not a candidate for the position. He said that the situation was "difficult" at the time, with department morale very low and divisions still present from the 1960's. He added he was also worried about his own effectiveness in the position and the effect it would have on his own

While the job was "not pure Mazlish said, I liked it to surprise it was a chance to help build the department." He explained that he liked being helpful to his coleagues and having a role outside of his own work.

Mazlish disliked having to mediate between administrative and faculty needs. He also disliked not having enough time to listen to the problems that the just under 140 people in the department think are important. He also pointed out that the position was very tiring.

After stepping down, Mazlish plans to go on sabbatical in order to work on a large book tentatively entitled Toward a Science of

He said that the book would explore the reasons why anyone would want a science that would connect all the social sciences. He explained that this book would be very ambitious and that he felt that all of his work has pointed

the developement of "psychohistory" or the philosophyof history. Calling himself a "maverick historian", Mazlish had been dissatisfied with rational explanations of history and started to explore the psychological and unconscious aspects of the people involved in Mazlish was an early figure in making and reporting history.

### Drace talke an f

By Eric Sklar

"There is a great deal we can learn from China, and of course there is a great deal they can learn from us." concluded Presidential Science Advisor Frank Press during his talk on "Science and Technology Cooperation with the Peoples Republic of China" Friday night in Room 26-100. The talk was based on Press's recent trip to China and was sponsered by the MIT chapter of Sigma Xi, a scientific honor society.

Press, who is on leave from his post as Robert R. Shrock Professor of Geophysics in the Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences, stressed that although this trip included the heads of the National Science Foundation, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the National Institutes of Health and the US Geological Survey, the Department of Defense was not represented. Military aid was not under discussion said Press, adding that "the President is not going to export military items" to China.

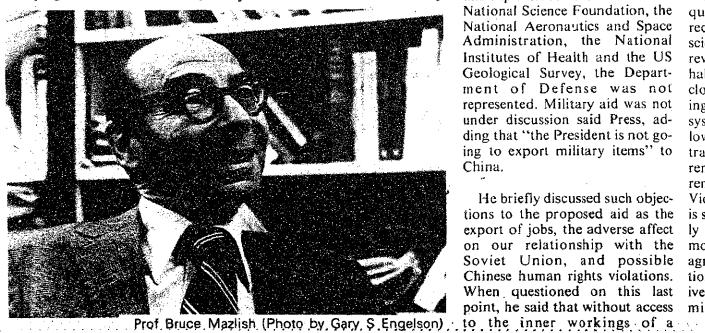
He briefly discussed such objections to the proposed aid as the export of jobs, the adverse affect on our relationship with the modern science in such areas as Soviet Union, and possible Chinese human rights violations. When questioned on this last point, he said that without access missions are now based on

of whatever violations of rights may occur, it is perhaps necessary to first extend aid in order to gain sufficient access to study the treatment of citizens by the government.

Among the reasons supporting the proposed aid to China cited by Press were the apparent tendency of its government toward technocracy and the need for the natural resources which might be found in China on the international market. He also mentioned President Carter's belief that "a strong and stable China is important to this country, important to the whole world.'

Press attributed China's request for assistance to their recently renewed interest in the sciences. This follows the cultural revolution of the 1960's which halted the progress of science by closing the universities, denouncing scientists, and introducing a system of apprenticeship for the low level of scientific research training which did occur. He remarked repeatedly that the current Chinese administration of Vice-Chairman Teng Hsiao-Ping is supportive of science, principally because of China's need for agriculture and energy production. Under Teng's rule, the universities have been reopened. Ad-

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# Search for summer jobs

By Elias Towe

The Director of the Student Employment Office, Nelson Armstrong has urged MIT students to start hunting for summer jobs early.

Many college students hoping to get a summer job with the Federal Government in 1979 started looking in mid-November. Federal agencies hire well over 80,000 students every summer. Normally, however, the job market for the typical student is limited to about 10,000 positions. Students who wait until spring vacation to start the job

hunt rarely gat the May to September offerings.

The government announcement concerning summer employment is labelled No. 414. This announcement lists job possibilities, qualifications and tells where and how to apply for them. It also lists the deadlinees for filing applications. The announcement is available at Civil Service Commision Offices.

The clerical jobs listed usually require a written test given during January and February. The technical and sub-professional ones do not require such a test.

were for an MIT student in securing a job within a federal agency, Armstrong stated that "MIT students have a slightly better chance than the average student because of their technical backgrounds." He went on to say, however, that he would still encourage those aspiring to work for a federal agency to apply early enough because in the final analysis preference often "goes to those who apply early."

Armstrong emphasized the need for students to go out during Christmas vacation to look for summer jobs. "I think people who wait until March are too late.It is prime time now." Asked what advice he would give the MIT student on the job hunting issue, Armstrong said: "Start now, don't wait.'

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# newsroundup

### World

Richard Nixon speaks at Oxford — Last Thursday the former President delivered a speech to 800 students, after 1000 protestors attacked his motorcade as he arrived; discussing the past 20 years he expressed his views on America and foreign policy. On the whole, European reaction to his one-week trip seemed to be positive, remembering him for foreign policy successes rather than his Watergate misdeeds.

### Nation

Hasids storm N.Y.C. Police Station - Several hundred Hasidic Jews besieged Brooklyn police station for 30 minutes Saturday to protest the murder of a 65-year-old plumber, who was killed while returning from synagogue services. Police have in custody three suspects in he apparent robbery-murder; a 20year-old male and his 17-year-old brother were charged with

Rev. Jim Jones worth as much as \$15 million - according to the recently released book The Suicide Cult, members of the People's Temple church turned over as much as 40% of their earnings to the church, while commune residents turned over their entire salary in exchange for a \$2 weekly allowance.

### Sports

Patriots choke — The New England Patriots declined a chance to clinch the AFC East by engineering a second-half come-fromahead loss in Dallas. The cowboys won, 17-10.

- Joel West

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# Science in

(Continued from page 1) academic ability rather than political beliefs, thus greatly improving morale of the scientific community.

The government of China is presently attempting to modernise its position in the areas which is views as critical to it survival: agriculuture, industry, national defense, and science and technology. The planned advances in science and technology underlie and unite the other three areas of development.

Although the Chinese profess a goal of reaching equity with the world level of scientific development by the year 2000, Press expressed doubt that such a rapid recovery from the last decade could be made. China has essentially lost a generation of scientists and technicians who are certainly necessary in any country which is attempting such phenomenal growth.

Although the Chinese would prefer to be self-sufficient, they realize that their present situation requires that they seek aid from (Please turn to page 3)

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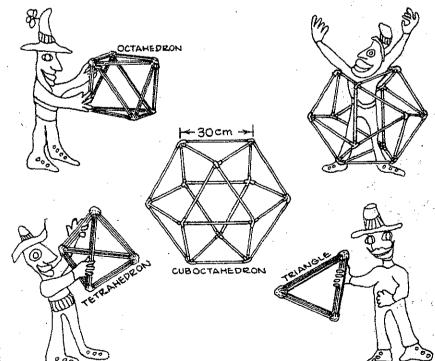
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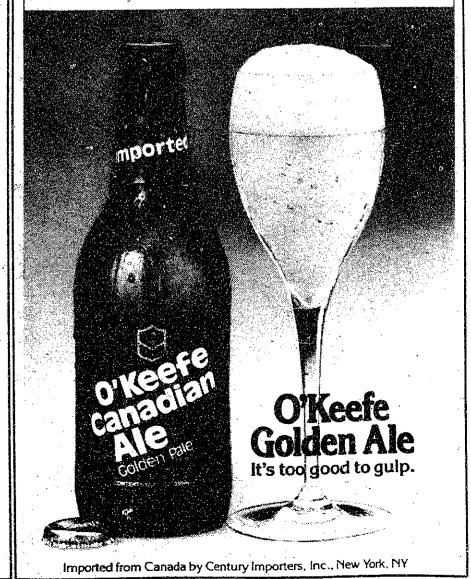
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# New dorm in 1981

By Jay Glass

In a move to relieve the widespread overcrowding in the dormitory system, the MIT Corporation has given its approval to the development of a new dormitory. The dormitory will be located in the present Tang Hall parking lot.

Current projections for the new dorm include an expected population of about three hundred undergraduates. The target date for completion of the new facility is September of 1981.

While the architect has not yet been selected for the design of the new building, administration officials have already decided that it will be a low-rise structure with an external design similar to NEw House's, said Operations Vice-President Philip A. Stoddard. Concerning the Corporation's decision to give the go-ahead on the new dorm, Stoddard added, "I'm delighted with the turn of events."

Funding for the project will be provided from the current Leadership endowment raising campagin, though specific source of the funds has not yet been determined. The Corporation has budgeted ten million dollars for student housing of which \$8 to 8½ million will be earmarked for the new dorm.

Destroying the Tang parking lot will greatly reduce the number of available parking spaces in West Campus, thus increasing the current parking problems. Associate Dean of Student Affairs in charge of Housing, Robert Sherwood, said that alternate parking would have to be provided, along with about 75 new spaces to accommodate the residents of the the new dormitory. Where these new spaces will be located has not yet been determined.

While an agreement has been reached on most of the external design questions, "everything internal is up for grabs at the point," according to Sherwood. A "client's team" of students, staff and administrative personnel will deal with the internal architecture, making suggestions and working with the architect, thus

### notes

\*The MIT Intercollegiate Bridge Tournament will be held this Thursday night in room 407 of the Student Center. Anyone can play (and win American Contract Bridge League master points). Anyone who needs a partner should plan to arrive early. The card fee will be \$1.25 per person.

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### Central War Surplus

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the inside details.

The plight of transfers and readmitted students, who currently are virtually denied on-campus housing, may be considerably eased by the opening of the new

Details such as room layout, style of interior structure, and the question of living style are still very open and student suggestions are welcome. The Undergraduate Association is sponsoring a student forum concerning the new dorm tomorrow afternoon at 4 pm in Room 54-100.

# Press discusses (Continued from page 2) market and the

(Continued from page 2) outside. The Chinese, Press said, are quite willing, and anxious, to pay for whatever assistance they receive, but their ability to do so is questionable.

Even though it is one of the few countries without an international deficit, China has no current source of international income. Therefore the Chinese will have to borrow heavily in order to pay for as extensive a program of technical development as they intend to implement. Because of its great resources, credit should be available on the international

market and the Chinese are currently attempting to find the best possible terms.

Among the specific requests made by the Chinese are the construction and launching of a communications satellite for them by the United States, nuclear power plant development, and a student exchnage program. Although there are objections to the first two items because of their possible military applications, the exchange program is already being implemented, with approximately five hundred students expected to be sent to the United States by

next year.

When Press asked Teng whether the Chinese government was concerned about the possibility of losing several students to western culture, Teng replied, "If we lose a few, so what?" which Press views as an indication of the seriousness of their determination to fulfill the goals of their scien-

tific programs.

Press viewed his trip as "epic-making" and very important from the standpoint of the establishment of "communication links" between the United States and China.





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# Tis the season to be jolly.

By Benson Margulies

Sometime last week I found a surprise in my mailbox. It was a handwritten invititation to, "Supper/ and to help Trim the Christmas Tree/ at the President's House." My first reaction was bewilderment. Was this some new program designed to increase contact between students and Administration, or between students and each other? A quick perusal of recent publications on campus found no announcement of such a thing. Asking around I found one other invitee, but we had nothing in common that gave any clue to the criteria for invitation.

Sunday night I called the MIT extension listed on the invitation. A man answered, who quickly transfered me to a woman. I asked her who she was. She wouldn't tell me. I told her that I wished to RSVP. She asked me what I wished to RSVP to, as if she was the central

perspectives

for numerous activities. I told her. "You're coming," she said. "No I'm not, I replied, I'm Jewish and trimming Christmas trees

turns me off." "She, and the man (who was apparently still on the phone), laughed. "We'll just have to find something else," she said. Again I asked her who she was, and again she refused to tell me. That ended the conversa-

So I sat back and began to think about the implications of this invita-

tion. I didn't like them. There are several things that disturb me about this business. First, I continue to wonder about just who is invited, and why. But this is probably just my paranoia showing.

My real objections stem from the nature of the event: a Christmas tree trimming. I have always had a rather jaundiced view of Christmas trees. To begin with, they are an ecological horror. Take a tree and kill it, thereby stopping it from producing oxygen, holding down topsoil, and all the other good things trees do. Then throw it out afterwards, requiring some other tree to be killed to provide wood, paper, and the other things that we have to kill trees for. In the process of doing this use up land that could grow other trees, or food.

Beyond that, however, I have a more deeply seated problem with Christmas trees. As I told the mysterious woman on the phone, I'm Jewish and Christmas trees have a disturbing habit of reminding me of Christmas.

No matter how many times someone assures me that Christmas trees and the like are an 'American' observance, bereft of any religious significance, I keep remembering that although they were originally borrowed from pre-Christian tree worship they soon became symbols of the tree from which the cross was fabricated. If anything, statements about the nonsectarian nature of Christmas decorations only reinforce my feelings of isolation as a non-Christian living in a society that is overtly Christian.

It's bad enough that there is a Christmas tree on the White House lawn (Though at least that one is alive), but for a self-declared nonsectarian institution to sponsor a Christmas tree trimming party is unquestionably unacceptable. Trimming a tree is active participation in the celebration of the birth of Jesus, an event that I would just as soon not celebrate. More of my ancestors than I would care to think about died, often horribly, in his name. While I wouldn't hold that against anyone today, it makes it rather difficult for me to participate in the celebration.. For the Institute to sponsor this thing is tasteless as best, and possibly offensive. The only question is whether it is part of a larger insensivity, or merely an oversight.

The problem is that it isn't just this one party. If it were, I would dismiss it as an oversight. But it is only the latest in a series of major and minor affronts. Twice in the last five years Registration day has conflicted with Jewish High Holidays. Dan Shevitz, the Rabbi at MIT Hillel, has complained for several years about the presence of officially sponsored Christmas trees around the Institute without getting any reasonable response from the administration. And when the Campus Crusade for Christ wanted to push bibles around the Institute earlier this term, Dean Holden invited all the religious counselors except the Jewish one to comment on the advisability of allowing it. Even someone who wasn't something of a paranoid might begin to get worried.

All of this bespeaks an incredible insensivity to the concerns of a segment of the MIT community. If you think you have heard a phrase like that before, you're right. Jerome Weisner used it when talking about the Grogo incident.

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I was assured that the article that appeared in the December 1 issue of The Tech would clear up the ocnfusion about the Brass Rat Controversy. Instead, the biased and sensationalistic reporting not only created more confusion, but still elft one side of the story untold.

The incident began on Monday evening of last week when the vote on the ring design was scheduled to take place. The vote

To the Class of '81 and The Tech: was postponed, as the committee was unsure of how the Class felt about the designs under consideration: a beaver gnawing on a tree or one holding a twig. Each member was told to survey as many people as possible and bring the results to the following meeting, which was scheduled for Tuesday evening. One member of the committee, Jenny Ford, felt that the class would not be objectively surveyed by the other members, and therefore decided a

poster in Lobby 7 would be appropriate. In itself, this was a good idea, but the way shw went about it with the intent of creating an issue was underhanded. I did not see the poster, but I was told that it was very misleading. The poster was geared toward those who strongly opposed the tree design. It left people with the impression that if they came to. the meeting that night, they would be able to vote on the issue.

### Campus left out

To the Editor:

clearinghouse

I would like to express my criticism on the manner in which the debate over the 1981 class ring is being handled. It appears to me that the ring committee, and a particular subset of the committee has ignored or is trying to ignore around 20% of the sophomore class: the residents of East Campus and Senior House.

The intent of the "open" meeting on the ring, as solicited by Jenny Ford, disturbs me greatly. On the Tuesday of the meeting, I was in Lobby 7 and there was no advertisement, at least not in a conspicuous place, abvout the meeting. After talking with people who did tread the sign, I discovered that it was quite suggestive as to which side should be supported. I find this, along

with the fact that Ms. Ford did not inform the other members of the committee (especially those in opposition to her) to mean that she wanted only her supporters to attend the "open" meeting. I personally took a random poll of the sophomores at Senior House' of the 12 replies only one favored the sticks. This is contrary to Ms. Ford's claim that she is representing the wishes of the student from the east side of campus.

Why must this polling of the class take place in Lobby 7? Why can't surveys be mailed to each sophomore to actually contact every member of the class? Lobby 7 is a bad place to gather opinions if one desires to get an accurate representation of the feelings of the residents on the east side of

campus. Many residents go through Lobby 7, only twice a week on the average, usually on their way to the Coop. This discourages people from East Campus and Senior House from voting. Maybe this is what Ms. Ford wants. Her sole argument is tradition, and many of the students from the east side would not buy that as a sufficient reason to prefer one choice over another.

I am willing to accept the choice of the student body, if it is in fact that of the students and not the choice of a few people who want their regardless of the majority opinen.

I call for a mail survey, so every member of the class can be contacted. The results should then satisfy all parties involved.

Jonathen Danner '81

## harshiy

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter, partially as a commentary on past articles in The Tech, and partially as a commentary on one of the major problems presently being encountered in intramural sports here at MIT. This problem deals with intramural officiating and is twofold in nature.

First, the officiating as a whole, in intramurals is, at best, fair, and certainly not professional in quality. This however, is to be expected and is totally excusable. To the Editor, Most of these people had never officiated before they entered MIT. They tend to have any of three reasons for becoming officials: 1) the money involved; 2) an interest in a sport or a desire to become involved in that sport; 3) the feeling that they can help the intramural program be becoming an official. People who are in it good as officials as they have little concern for the players involved. The people who begin officiating. for the latter two reasons often become competent referees. They have generally played a number of IM sports and understand many of the normal complaints of the participants.

This brings me to the bigger part of the problem, the players in depression. In the second solution

intramural sports. In past years, there have tended to be problems with individual players abusing officials for missed calls. For some unexplainable reason, however, this practice has increased astronomically this year, As was previously stated in The Tech (November 21, 1978), "Michaels (intramural advisor

Dave) said that in IM's 'Anger gets taken out on the official' and that this problem has 'definitely gotten worse." I can recall several instances of absolutely despicable conduct in contests this year. One A-league basketball team had four technical fouls called against them within the

### (Please turn to page 5) Paying to get out?

My office mates and I have read with great interest the recent exchange of letters regarding admission fees for parties. We realise that the charging of different admission prices for men and women can lead to a feeling among the women that the men are merely investing in cattle futures. In an attempt to eradicate for the money tend not to be as this problem we have examined several potential solutions. Three solutions may satisfy the boundary conditions.

In the first, men and women will be charged alike. Unfortunately, this solution often leads to a dearth of women and the magnetic personalities of the male party-goers are frequently left susceptible to boredom and all guests would enter free of charge. This would induce a financial load which would cause a dearth of parties.

There is, however, a third option. In order to satisfy the financial requirements of the hosts and hostesses, men will pay an admission fee in order to attend the party. To retain parity, women will also share in the costs of the festivities. However, their donations will be collected upon their exit.

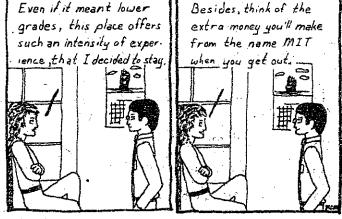
The advantages to this are obvious. It is clear that adoption of this proposal will relax the atmosphere of the MIT social field. In the future, further energy should be devoted to more polarizing problems.

Alan M. Presser G November 29, 1978

### Paul Hubbard

by Kent C. Massey





# opinion comit

## Other side of the Rat 1981 Pres. supported

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It also stated that if they couldn't come to the meeting, they should cast their votes by calling me or Tom Chang, Sophomore Class Vice President. As I stated in The Tech (the only correct quote, I might add), I was very angry at the use of my name and number without my knowledge or approval.

When I arrived at Tuesday's meeting, I was confronted by several angry sophomores. While I understand their concern, I feel that they were grievously misled by the Lobby 7 poster. I was put in the uncomfortable postion of having to anounce that the committee had decided earlier that the final vote would be taken by committee members only. The meeting was never declared closed, however, as was stated by the Tech and Ms. Ford in her public letter of resignation.

At every stage in the process, we tried to solicit class opinon. We tried very hard to be objective but every member, including Ms. Ford, had his or her own opinion. Each member was told to vote according to the results of his or her survey. The vote was close (5-4), so the company was told to begin working on both designs until further polling could be done. Ms. Ford did not wait to see what steps had been taken with the company before she resigned and submitted her letter and her drawings to The Tech. Ms. Ford's drawings were inaccurate, as the

# IM Official speaks out

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space of a minute. After a warning to the team that further conduct of this sort would result in forfeiture of the game play was resumed. About two minutes later, a player from this team, who had been ejected fromthe game, came off the bench and tackled the player from the opposing team who was in control of the ball. About one week later, this fraternity's B-league team had a basketball game. This tiem, another set of referees had similar difficulties with this team. However, the most that will probaly be done in reprimanding this fraternity is that the IM Executive Committee will send them a letter. big deal! They will probably burn it.

In another instance, the captain of a C-league basketball team, after being ejected from his game, told the two referees that if they ever reffed for his team again, they wouldn't walk, off the court alive.

Behaviour such as this is intolerable. Many competent officials are no longer willing to referee. For many people, IM officiating is no longer fun. As IM basketball manager Steve Aschkenase '81 said to me after a particularly rough game, "I don't even enjoy reffing games like this."

If nothing is done vey soon about this abuse of referees, we could be approaching the demise of one of America's finest intramural programs. People should make an effort to not let this happen.

John H. Loweli

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actual pictures did not arrive from the company until Friday afternoon, after Ms. Ford's poll in Lobby 7 had already been

I feel that the article in Friday's issue of the Tech painted a very bad picture of me. Contrary to popular belief, I am not unreceptive to class input. The results of the Lobby 7 poll have convinced the committee to abandon the tree design in favor of the twigs. If any member of the Class of '81 has any further questions or constructive comments, feels free to contact me.

Lori E. Ullman President, Class of '81 To the Editor:

I was appalled to read your coverage of the Brass Rat 1981 controversy. I have been discussing the class ring with various committee members for the past several weeks, and I am certain that nothing was "railroaded through". Although I am personally in favor of the twigs option, I am confident that when the five committee members voted in favor of the tree design, they believed, based on surveys, they they were being representative.

About the question of holding a closed meeting Wednesday night: is is necessary to hold such

meetings so the committee members can discuss and exchange ideas and findings without the turbulence of a crowd of interested, enthusiastic constituents. The surveys served to indicatte the general feeling of the sophomore class; any person who wanted to have input could easily have talked with committee members who would have definitely brought up his or her ideas and options in committee discussions. I know that Tom-Chang mentioned to the committee an idea to replace the two men found on the side of the ring witha difference design suggessted by a single sophomore.

We elected six officers to represent us, and now we seem to demand a direct vote on all the detailed issues. I feel we should have more faith in our elected representatives and examine their efforts before judging them as incompetent or nonrepresentative.

Lastly, from converstations with Lori, Tom, John, and Glenn (two from each side of the controversy), it seems that *The Tech* has misrepresented the facts to make Lori appear a villain. She is doing a good job; she does not personally support either design and has acted in what she thought was the best interest of our class.

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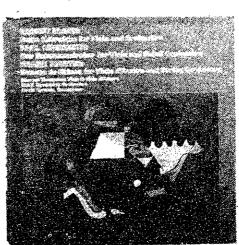
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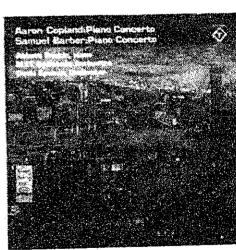
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# Blue Valentine: Waits for select few

Blue Valentine, by Tom Waits. Asylum GE162.

Tom Waits' albums have long been known for their simple arangements and recording techniques. His last release, Foreign Affair, was probably his best effort; combining Waits' humor and melodrama with exemplary music.

Blue Valentine, Waits' latest effort, is a pleasing if somewhat uneven disc. The lush arrangements overpower Waits' moody verse in a few cases. This is particularly evident in "Somewhere", the song that opens the album. Strings are recklessly employed

paving the cut with saccharine sludge. Originally from West Side Story, this song is sentinmental enough.; the treatment it receives makes it ludicrous.

Waits' own compositions fare much better. Departing from his usual spare approach the arrangements are jazzy without being derivative. "29.00", the tune that closes the first side, lopes along, reeling out phrases that are deceptively simple.

Although the music on Blue Valentine is excellent, Waits' lyrics are the main attraction. "Romeo Is Bleeding," a song of a dying gang leader and his underlings, describes a scene that only Waits could dramatise properly. His repetition of certain phrases and wrenched pronunciation gives his lyrics a potency that few others can achieve.

Through Waits' attack has made a unique performer, he has become more polished since his early albums. Never noted for his singing ability, there are a few instances on Blue Valentine when he comes close to carrying a tune. On "Kentucky Avenue," Waits solos on piano and manages to achieve a subtle interpretation.

"A Sweet Little Bullet from a Baby Blue Gun," the penultimate cut on the second side, is close to the old Waits. He nearly

Though many of the episodes are violent,

they are fascinating as well. The movie

maintains enough suspense to keep it in-

teresting and even blends in some comic

relief. All this coupled with its big ad cam-

paign, King exould become a high-grossing

film. Paramount is gambling, though, that

Eric Roberts can make this movie as big a

success as Saturday Night fever, which is

growls this steamy ballad of teenage temptresses. The effect is delightfully coarse, which provides an interesting contrast to the preceding "Kentucky Avenue."

Even with the changes in Waits' singing and music, his outlook is still gloomy. "Christmas Card from a Hooker in Minneapolis" tells of just that. It opens with the narrator relating all the improvements in her life to an old lover. By the end of the song she breaks down and tells the truth: her life is squalid.

Waits isn't usually as subtle as he is in "Hooker." Somehow his fecund images are appropriate for the scenes of street life he recreates. The impact of his words is im-

In some instances Blue Valentine seems calculated to garner fans for Waits who ordinarily wouldn't give him a thought. It is more accessible then most of his work but this will not increase his album sales appreciably. Asylum Records is letting artists like LInda Ronstadt pay the bills while using Waits to maintain Asylum's image as a company committed to esoteric performers like him. Blue Valentine should make Asylum and Tom Waits proud.

### King of Gypsies - Brooke Shields returns

King of the Gypsies, starring Sterling Hayden, Shelly Winters and Eric Roberts; directed by Frank Pierson. Opening December 20 at the Sack Beacon Hill.

By Bruce Nawrocki

Paramount's big advertising campaign for King of the Gypsies is in full swing, getting audiences primed for its arrival just before Christmas. The movie bills itself as "the first film to deal realistically with these mysterious people, the gypsies." This doesn't sound particularly appealing, but the film didn't change my concepts of gypsy life; it just moved gypsies into New-York and New Jersey. It is a very moving story that strangely fuses elements from The Godfather and Saturday Night Fever.

Suggested by Peter Maas' book of the same name, the film stars Travolta lookalike Eric Roberts as Dave, a young man whose grandfather is "King of the Gypsies". Due to the events of his childhood, Dave doesn't want to have anything to do with the gypsies. So he runs away from his crazed alchoholic father, Groffo (Judd Hirsch) and his fortune-telling mother Rose (Susan Sarandon), who used to make him swallow diamonds in jewelry stores and would retrieve them later.

Daves's grandfather the King is dying; he wants to give Dave the medallion which carries with it the title of King. This should rightly go to Dave's father, but the King dislikes his drunken son too much to let him have it. So Groffo, insanely jealous, hires some thugs to kill Dave and the chase is on.

Although the film strains credulity at times and so in the end is no particularly true-to-life the plot is very well-balanced. Everything happens in pairs. At the very beginning Dave narrates the story of how his mother Rose was sold into marriage Rose's parents decided not to give the King Frank Pierson has done an admirable job.

their daughter to marry Groffo. So the King takes her while no one's looking, and escapes in a wild car chase. Much later, Dave has to steal his sister Tita away in the same manner when Groffo sells her into marriage with in Tita's words a "really gross" kid.

Another pair of episodes involve car accidents. As a young boy, Dave was forced to drive a car by his drunken father; after many near misses, he crashed into another car. This foreshadows the day when Dave excapes by car with Tita (Brooke Shields)' Groffo drives after them resulting in a tragic car accident.

Finally there are the scenes in which Dave is hunted by his father. But the tables turn, and Dave eventually becomes the hunter.

This is a very emotional, action-packed film. The mood vacillates between joyous, light-hearted celebrations, with plenty of gypsy music, to scenes of great malevolence. The comic portions ludicrously contain a gypsy in a grey suit dancing by himself in a corner of the picture. In fact, this is the last thing one sees in the film, so he then becomes a symbol probably of the stupid stubborness of gyp-

All the starring roles are well-portrayed, with Eric Roberts and Susan Sarandon both doing a fine job. Shelly Winters as the Queen, though is completely wasted, reduced to moaning and hysterical offscreen babbling.

The film shows gypsies as having high moral codes. Unfortunately, these codes are always being broken by someone. For example, one of their traditions is to drop cash and valuables into a dead gypsy's grave, but one joker throws in a check.

There are one or two irritating loose with his father, in the gypsy tradition. ends, but generally screenwriter-director



The MIT Concert Band celebrates its 30th anniversary this year. Also featured was a suite from a movie made about campus life in 1956 entitled The Social Beaver. (Photo by John Borland)

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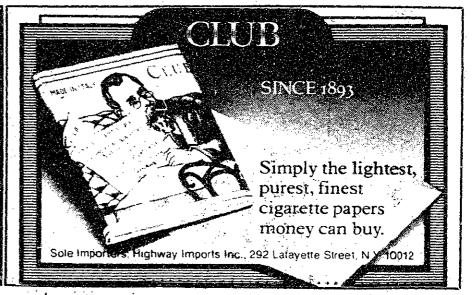
Dave (Eric Roberts) relucantly accepts the leadership role thrust upon him in King of the Gypsies.



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# IM hockey has problems

By Gordon R. Haff

IM hockey this year witnessed the continuation of a trend which has been affecting that sport for the past several seasons. There is no 'A' league this year, but this shouldn't be that surprising to those who have followed IM hockey for the last few years. At one time, 'A' league hockey was composed of mostly living groups. The names which come to mind as the hockey powers of the past are living groups — Theta Chi, and Lambda Chi Alpha to name two.

However, even as long as three years ago, the trend was changing. That year Fiji/Baker defeated LCA for the championship.It was a victory for the large team. In addition to Fiji and Baker people, the team had skaters from East Campus and most importantly, a superb goalie from Burton, Dave August '76.

The trend continued. Last year the only living group entry in 'A' leagtue was an SAE-Fiji conglomerate. All the other entries were "department teams." However, the squads like Mechanical Engineering and Metallurgy in fact drew from all over campus.

This year, only two teams signed up to play 'A' league -Metallurgy and Mechanical engineering, and as a result the top league was cancelled. Metallurgy and Mechanical Engineering will probably set up some kind of schedule between each other and the Junior Varsity.

I talked to Dean Novelli '81, IM hockey manager, about what he saw as possible solutions to this year's problem. Novelli agreed that this year was a problem. Specifically he said that "It's unfortunate that two good teams can't play because they don't have a league." However, he didn't see an easy solution. While concurring that separate living group and independent divisions in 'A' league, he said that he couldn't see having enough teams to make that plan feasible in the near future.

no serious mechanical problems related to the aging rink. Despite relatively warm weather, the ice opend barely behind schedule in contrast to last year's numerous difficulties.

The problem with 'A' league hockey is not onw with an easy solution. NOvelli may very well be right about insufficient teams existing to form independent and living group divisions of 'A' league. However, if there is IM hockey next year, the separate divisions is a possibliity which should be seriously looked into well in advance.

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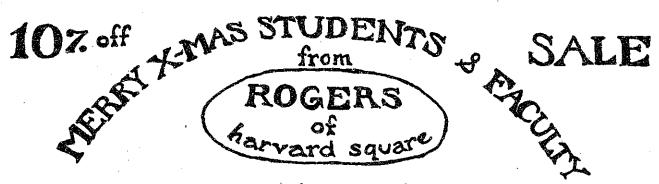
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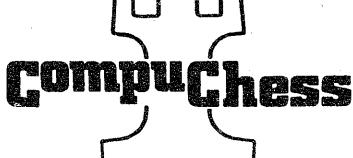
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### Hockey wins first

By Lou Odette

MIT opened the 78-79 hockey season Thursday night with a 4-3 victory over Tufts at Briggs Arena. A new coach and some new talent has recently resulted in a dramatic improvement in the Tufts brand of hockey. Last year, after losing an earlier game 6-2, the Jumbos came back to defeat MIT 5-2 in a game delayed by several brawls.

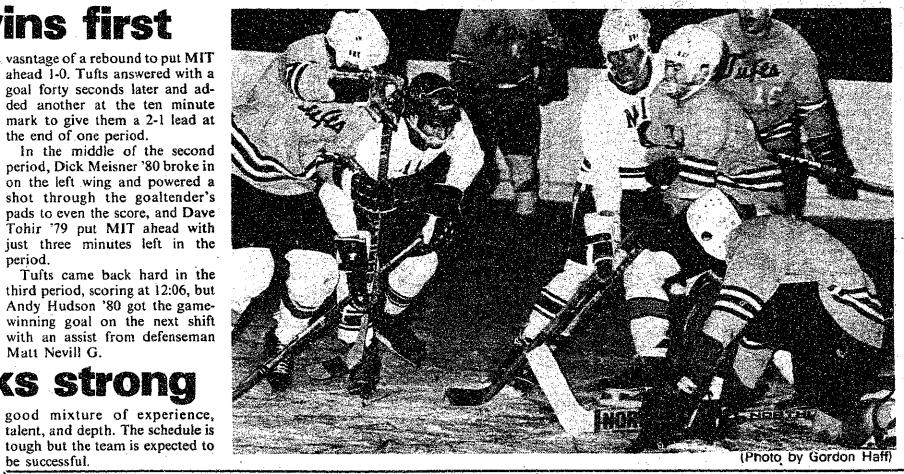
Thursday night's game, while quieter than the last meeting between these two teams, provided a lot more excitement for the crowd as no team was ever ahead by more than one goal. At hust over four minutes into the game, Rick Bryant '79 took ad-

vasntage of a rebound to put MIT ahead 1-0. Tufts answered with a goal forty seconds later and added another at the ten minute mark to give them a 2-1 lead at the end of one period.

In the middle of the second period, Dick Meisner '80 broke in on the left wing and powered a shot through the goaltender's pads to even the score, and Dave Tohir '79 put MIT ahead with just three minutes left in the period.

Tufts came back hard in the third period, scoring at 12:06, but Andy Hudson '80 got the gamewinning goal on the next shift with an assist from defenseman Matt Nevill G.

good mixture of experience,



### rack looks strong

be successful.

By Lew Bender

The varsity team began practice November 1st, with a good indication of a strong season ahead. The team, with the addition of a new assistant coach the return of over two dozen varsity letter winners, and a large number of freshmen with high potential, is loaded with both talent and depth.

Head coach Gordon Kelly will be assisted this season by three other highly qualified coaches, Chris Lan, Dave Wilson, and Greg Hunter. Lane will be working with the middle distance runners, Wilson will be coaching the jumping events (primarily the pole vault), and Hunter, the newest member of the coaching staff, will be working with the weight events. The coaches are all excellent track athletes, and will coach by demonstrating their talents to the team.

The team has depth in every event. Leading the runners are the co-captains, Barry Bayus and Jim Dunlay. In the distance events (mile and two mile) Bayus will be running with returning varsity men Walter Sargent, Dave Westenberg, Lenny Nasser, and Stan Silver.

The jumping events are the high jump, long jump, triple jump and pole vbault. The high jumpers anre Jason Tong, Max Klein, and school record holder Jim Turlo. Turlo, Tong, and Klein, will join Kevin Wade and Paul Mfahoney in the long jump. Wade, Tong, and Mahoney will all share the triple jumping duties., Pole vaulting this season are returning varsity men Ed Ingenito, Lew Bender and Mick Piazza. Three freshmen, Mike Dewitt, Rodney Robertson, and Je Simko will also be vaulting. The single hurdling event, the 50 yard high hurdles will feature Turlo, Klein, and freshman Frank Dumond.

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